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From: Latimer, Becky
Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2020 8:48 AM
To:
Subject: 2019-281-S

Dear Kellie Starling,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Letter of Protest/Comments to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your Letter of Protest/Comments will be placed in the Protest File of the Docket listed below and on the Commission's Website at www.psc.sc.gov.

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Sincerely,
Becky Latimer

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Letter of Protest

Docket No. 2019-281-S

Date: * 1-29-2020

Protestant Information:

Name *

KELLIE STARLING

Mailing Address *

City, State Zip *

COLUMBIA

SC

Phone *

E-mail

1. What is your connection or interest in this case? * For example, are you a customer of the Company that is the subject of this pending proceeding? (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)

I am a customer of Palmetto Utilities.

2. Please give a concise statement of your protest. * (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)

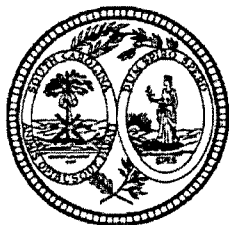
I am strongly opposed to Palmetto Utilities' request for a sewer rate hike. Any increase to my sewer bill would impose an undue burden and create a financial hardship. Further, any increase to my sewer bill would be unfair when considering that my usage has not increased.

3. Do you wish to make an appearance at a hearing in this proceeding, if scheduled, and offer sworn testimony? *

Yes, I wish to appear at a hearing in this proceeding and offer sworn testimony.

Signature Required:

K Starling



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January 30, 2020

Rev. Diane Florence

Columbia, SC

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Becky Latimer

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Columbia, S.C. 29210

Re: Rate Increase Proposal – Palmetto Utilities, Inc.

Dear Sir/Madam:

I attended a meeting last night regarding the request for a rate increase by Palmetto Utilities, Inc. It is my understanding the entity that owns Palmetto Utilities is governed by private owners. I realize we are in a Capitalist society that allows for making profit. My concern is the increases that have been made within the last 2-3 years. In 2017, my sewage bill went from approximately \$23.00 a month to \$52.00 a month. The organization has come back once again asking for another large increase – from \$52.00 to approximately \$66.00.

I do believe the increase to support infrastructure and other building concerns should also be shared by the builders and organizations that exist in the areas covering the Palmetto Utilities' region and not solely placed on the backs of the existing homeowners or people living in apartments – who may be single families, senior citizens and other persons struggling to make ends meet.

It is my prayer that you will whole heartedly consider the average consumer's welfare and make a decision that will help everyone concerned, not just the owners of the company that may merely be trying to make a profit – and vote down the recent request for another increase.

Best regards,



Rev. Diane L. Florence, Chaplain

Columbia, S.C.

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